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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 remain in the application. Claims 4-9 and 11-18, have been amended.

The introduction was amended to cross reference the International and French applications on which the application is based.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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